

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 1 thru 42 without prejudice or disclaimer of their subject matter, and add claims 43 thru 62 as follows:

Claims 1 thru 42. (Canceled)

1           43. (New) A main base for use in a head drum assembly mounting structure on a deck of  
2 a tape recorder, said main base comprising:  
3           a central portion; and  
4           an outer portion surrounding said central portion;  
5           wherein said central portion is discontinuous so as to have a hole disposed therein for  
6 receiving a protrusion extending from a lower portion of the head drum assembly; and  
7           wherein said central portion is discontinuous so as to have at least two screw holes formed  
8 therein for receiving respective screws which pass through said screw holes and are screwed into the  
9 lower portion of the head drum assembly.

1           44. (New) The main base of claim 43, wherein said central portion is connected on one  
2 side to said outer portion by a downwardly slanted portion of said central portion, and said central  
3 portion is connected on another side to said outer portion by an upwardly slanted portion of said  
4 central portion, whereby said central portion is oriented at an angle with respect to said outer portion.

1           45. (New)   The main base of claim 44, further comprising a positioning pin extending  
2           upward from said upwardly slanted portion of said central portion for insertion into a positioning  
3           hole formed in the lower portion of the head drum assembly.

1           46. (New)   The main base of claim 44, wherein said central portion is formed with said  
2           outer portion into one piece.

1           47. (New)   The main base of claim 44, further comprising a hook pin which includes at  
2           least two locking ends extending upward from said upwardly slanted portion of said central portion  
3           for insertion into a locking hole formed in the lower portion of the head drum assembly.

1           48. (New)   The main base of claim 47, wherein said two locking ends are flexible toward  
2           and away from each other so as to move toward each other when initially passing through a narrow  
3           portion of the locking hole, and so as to move away from each other after entering a wider, locking  
4           portion of the locking hole.

1           49. (New)   The main base of claim 43, further comprising a positioning pin extending  
2           upward from said central portion for insertion into a positioning hole formed in the lower portion  
3           of the head drum assembly.

1           50. (New)   The main base of claim 49, wherein said central portion is formed with said

2 outer portion into one piece.

1 51. (New) The main base of claim 43, wherein said central portion is formed with said  
2 outer portion into one piece.

1 52. (New) The main base of claim 43, further comprising a hook pin which includes at  
2 least two locking ends extending upward from said central portion for insertion into a locking hole  
3 formed in the lower portion of the head drum assembly.

1 53. (New) The main base of claim 52, wherein said two locking ends are flexible toward  
2 and away from each other so as to move toward each other when initially passing through a narrow  
3 portion of the locking hole, and so as to move away from each other after entering a wider, locking  
4 portion of the locking hole.

1 54. (New) A main base for use in a head drum assembly mounting structure on a deck of  
2 a tape recorder, said main base comprising:

3 a central portion; and

4 an outer portion surrounding said central portion;

5 wherein said central portion is connected on one side to said outer portion by a downwardly  
6 slanted portion of said central portion, and said central portion is connected on another side to said  
7 outer portion by an upwardly slanted portion of said central portion, whereby said central portion is

8 oriented at an angle with respect to said outer portion.

1 55. (New) The main base of claim 54, further comprising a positioning pin extending  
2 upward from said upwardly slanted portion of said central portion for insertion into a positioning  
3 hole formed in the lower portion of the head drum assembly.

1 56. (New) The main base of claim 55, wherein said central portion is formed with said  
2 outer portion into one piece.

1 57. (New) The main base of claim 54, wherein said central portion is formed with said  
2 outer portion into one piece.

1 58. (New) The main base of claim 54, further comprising a hook pin which includes at  
2 least two locking ends extending upward from said upwardly slanted portion of said central portion  
3 for insertion into a locking hole formed in the lower portion of the head drum assembly.

1 59. (New) The main base of claim 58, wherein said two locking ends are flexible toward  
2 and away from each other so as to move toward each other when initially passing through a narrow  
3 portion of the locking hole, and so as to move away from each other after entering a wider, locking  
4 portion of the locking hole.

1           60. (New) A main base for use in a head drum assembly mounting structure on a deck of  
2 a tape recorder, said main base comprising:  
3           a central portion;  
4           an outer portion surrounding said central portion; and  
5           positioning means extending upward from said central portion for insertion into a positioning  
6 hole formed in a lower portion of the head drum assembly so as to position said main base relative  
7 to the head drum assembly.

1           61. (New) The main base of claim 60, wherein said positioning means comprises a hook  
2 pin which includes at least two locking ends extending upward from of said central portion for  
3 insertion into a locking hole formed in the lower portion of the head drum assembly.

1           62. (New) The main base of claim 61, wherein said two locking ends are flexible toward  
2 and away from each other so as to move toward each other when initially passing through a narrow  
3 portion of the locking hole, and so as to move away from each other after entering a wider, locking  
4 portion of the locking hole.